

MARCH 11, 2020

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7:00pm in the ITV room. Present: Gwyn Schumacher, Trisha Schneider, Lyle Fey, Kevin Nitschke, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter, Sara Sathre, *Tony Bender (7:01pm), *Dean Christianson (7:09pm).

*Tony Bender entered the meeting at 7:01pm. Motion by Schumacher to approve the agenda with two additions. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schumacher to approve the minutes of the February 12th meeting as written. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve payment of general fund bills (\$32,185.08). Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nitschke to approve all financial reports as presented. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

The second reading was held on the following policies: Prohibition on Aiding Sexual Abuse; Student Education Records Access & Amendment Procedure. Motion by Litsey to approve the policies as written. Second by Nitschke, motion carried unanimously.

*Dean Christianson entered the meeting at 7:09pm.

Teresa Dockter explained the district will not have to hire a third party administrator for the 403b plan as previously discussed. Admin Partners has an agreement with Horace Mann in which their listed schools can receive document only service for free. Horace Mann has agreed to add the Ashley school district to their list. Admin Partners has updated all the required documents for the district's 403b plan to be in compliance. The board has to adopt the proposed resolution that amends and restates the plan in accordance with IRS regulations. Motion by Schumacher to adopt the resolution to amend and restate the Ashley School District #9 403b Plan as proposed (attached). Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Dean Christianson stated the country club/golf course received their new assessed value of \$195,000 which would result in about \$3,000 in taxes. He intends to apply for tax-exempt status. He's not looking for any action at this point but wanted the board to be aware of the situation in case that status isn't granted. *Dean Christianson left the meeting at 7:27pm.

Litsey and Nitschke will take care of principal negotiations.

Co-op board meeting will be held on March 16th at 6pm in Wishek--bus leaves at 5:20.

Mr. Schmidt is working on long-term planning materials for the April meeting--will send them out to board members for review.

Supt. Schmidt reported there has not been any math applicants. Ashley and Kulm principals are working on schedules for next year to accommodate sharing Mrs. Ellingson. Teacher contracts are due by March 16th. Board members authorized Mr. Schmidt to open positions immediately for any contracts that are not returned.

President Fey reported the superintendent evaluation was completed and Mr. Schmidt received satisfactory marks in all areas.

Principal's report: 1) End of 3rd quarter on March 13th; 2) Science fair--33 qualified for regional competition; 3) Both Acalympics teams took 3rd; 4) Kitana Martel qualified for the state spelling bee; 5) Reading month activities are ongoing this month; 6) State testing begins March 17th.

Next meeting will be April 14, 2020 with the long-term planning meeting at 7pm and the regular meeting to follow.

Mr. Schmidt said he's been researching Coronavirus information and procedures and has distributed some information to families.

President Fey adjourned the meeting into executive session at 7:46pm under NDCC 44-04-19.1 to discuss principal negotiations.

The regular meeting of the Ashley school board reconvened at 8:07pm with the following present: Gwyn Schumacher, Trisha Schneider, Lyle Fey, Kevin Nitschke, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt and Teresa Dockter.

Motion by Litsey to adjourn, second by Nitschke. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President